

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing remarks.

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application.

Claim 14-25 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

Regarding the Species Election

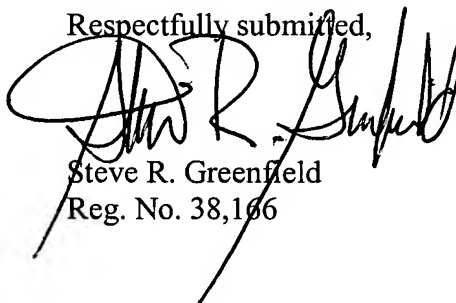
In the Election/Restriction dated November 18, 2003, Applicant, under 35 U.S.C. § 121 elects a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant respectfully requests Species 1: claims 1-13.

In view of the above, it is believed that Applicant has been fully responsive to the Species Election and this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully requested.

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